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Scholastic Averages Dropping

TKE Tops List; DKE at Bottom

By Fred Binder

A *Spectator* survey, prompted by widespread conjecture over Hamilton's "getting tougher" academically, reveals that the scholastic average of the student body has been declining at a rate of about one point per year from a high of 79.1 established in 1946-47, the first full-enrollment post war year. A comparison with the year 1939-40, arbitrarily chosen as a "typical" pre-war year, however, demonstrates that the present average, 77.1, is still almost a point above the pre-war figure of 76.3.

Intangibles Involved

Whether this decline will continue is at present a moot question, for many factors are involved. Such "intangibles" as war psychology, veterans, increased competition, older students, lower or higher teaching and|or marking standards, and many others must be taken into account. One fairly certain fact, according to the Dean's office, is that the overall quality of students admitted has risen, since the admissions committee, with many more applicants from which to choose, has been able to accept more scholastic "sure bets" than it could before the war.

One class, however, has already reached the "pre-war" level. While the three upper classes were from 0.5 to 1.0 point above the marks of their 1939-40 counterparts, the class of 1952 last term averaged 74.5, 0.4 point below the 74.9 of the freshman class of 1939-40.

Honor Records Fluctuate

An interesting figure is that of the percentage of the student body making honors—credit, honor, high honor — in each year. Of the years considered, the low was registered in 1939-40, when 31.9 per cent of the 413 students had averages of 80 or better. The figure jumped to a phenonmenal 49.0 (of 570 students) in 1946-47, the scholastic peak year, whence it declined through 41.5 per cent (of 561 students) in 1947-48, to this year's mark of 34.9 percent (of 603 students). In 1939-40, 2.7 per cent; in 1946-47, 5.6 per cent; and in 1948-49, 4.5 per cent of the student body made high honor averages.

As far as fraternity rankings are concerned, Emerson Literary Society, Independent and|or Squires (the differentiation between the two is confused in different years), Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Delta Upsilon have appeared most frequntly among the first five in the years considered, with ELS being first in 1939-40, Independent and|or Squires first in 1946-47 and 1947-48, and TKE on top this year.

While speculation based on these facts is interesting, it is difficult to arrive at any hard and fast conclusions as to trends and their causes, because of the many "intangibles" involved, and because of the incompleteness of information available.

These fraternity averages include active members and pledges.

Tau Kappa Epsilon	80.7	(36)
Independents	80.1	(97)
Alpha Chi	78.9	(23)
Sigma Phi	77.2	(39)
ELS	77.0	(50)
Lambda Chi Alpha	76.8	(37)
Psi Upsilon	76.5	(58)
Theta Delta Chi	75.8	(40)
Squires	75.7	(45)
Alpha Delta Phi	75.0	(46)
D lta Upsilon	74.9	(42)
C i Psi	74.9	(44)
Delta Kappa Epsilon	73.7	(46)
Senior Class	79.9	(132)
Junior Class	78.8	(163)
Sophomore Class	75.4	(152)
Freshman Class	74.5	(156)
College Average	77.1	(603)

40 Players Out For Charlatans

With casting almost completed, the Charlatans are ready to begin work on their new spring productions. All but a few of the parts have been assigned in each of the four plays, and rehearsals will commence shortly.

The announcement in the February 18 issue of the *Spectator* stated that the three-act production, *The Play's the Thing*, would be the first presentation. The order has been reversed, and the three one-act plays will be presented first, shortly after the spring recess.

Forty students turned out for part try-outs, and of these, thirty-five have been assigned parts. The Freshman Class will be well represented with fourteen members participating.

Dwight Carter will direct two of the plays, *Hope is the Thing With Feathers* and *The Play's the Tning*. *Where'er We Go* will be directed by Robert Pigott, while Robert Patterson will supervise *In the Zone*. Lighting and staging will be in the hands of Galbraith Crump, Richard Ellis, and Richard Floberg.

Explosion Causes Chemistry Lab Fire

A small fire in the organic chemistry laboratory was extinguished with only minor damage early last Friday morning, according to Mr. Elliot C. Burton, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

The blaze started from an explosion of an oil bath under which a bunsen burner had been left ignited, and was discovered about 2:45 a. m. by the nightwatchman, who phoned Mr. Burton immediately. Mr. Burton in turn summoned the Clinton Fire Department, which, he remarked, made a "very nice response," arriving at the Chemistry Building in a few minutes. In the meantime, however, the night watchman had broken in the door and had brought the blaze under control.

An attempt was made to sound the College fire alrm, but the siren could not be rung because the key to the mechanism had been bent out of shape. Mr. Burton reported early this week that a new key had been obtained.

Block "H" Amends Constitution; Sets Up Athletic Honor System

Decide On Program To Interest Prospective Freshman Athletes

At a meeting in the Baker Memorial Room February 24, nearly seventy members of the Block "H" Club voted to amend the club constitution to provide for the establishment of an athletic honor system to enforce training rules. Action was also taken at that same meeting to set up a more organized program for interesting athletes in a Hamilton education.

According to the provisions of the amendment, the Athletic Honor Court will be made up of the captains of the various varsity sports, under the permanent chairmanship of the Director of the Athletic Department. In the event that an athlete is tried for infraction of training rules, the coach of his particular sport will sit on the court as a temporary member. The court will have the power to recommend appropriate disciplinary action.

Coaches to Draw Up Rules

As is consistent with current practice, each coach will continue to draw up the training rules for his particular sport. These rules will be recognized by the court in all of its deliberations.

Emphasizing the fact that the judgments of the court will be paramount in a strong athletic program, Coach Mox Weber said to Block "H" members, "Training rules can be more effective if you men are willing to make them effective."

The decision to establish the court was taken as the result of a list of recommendations presented to the club by the Athletic Department recently. Consideration was also given to some of the other suggestions offered on the list, including the establissment of an active program to interest future Hamilton athletes.

Special Committee Formed

Block "H" President Richard Burns appointed Gordon Burton to serve as chairman of a committee to study this problem. Committee members from each fraternity met at the Sigma Phi House last Tuesday evening to lay groundwork for their program, according to Burton.

It was decided at the committee meeting to compile a list of prospective athletes according to information given by coaches and students on the Hill. The list will be presented at the committee meeting next Tuesday, at which time the names will be screened according to athletic and academic ability. A letter will be sent to each man suggested, and the most likely prospects will be invited to the campus for a weekend or will be contacted personally by Block "H" members. In addition, the committee will contact Hamilton alumni who are teaching in various secondary schools and who are in a position to make valuable additions to the club's list of prospective athletes.

The club also considered at the Thursday meeting the Athletic Department's suggestion that greater hospitality be extended to visiting teams, and a committee was appointed to serve as host for all home athletic contests during the spring. It was also recom-

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Squires Dance To Be Given

The first all-college dance to be sponsored by an undergraduate organization this year will be held in the Hall of Commons one week from tomorrow evening from 8:00 until 12:00. The dance is to be held under the sponsorship of the Squires Club.

Squires President Richard McGhee said that the club is making tentative negotiations with the Bob Sittig orchestra, which played at the Winter Carnival beer party at Psi U, but that if the Sittig band is unavailable, an equally good outfit will be hired for the occasion. "This dance," he said, will probably rank high among the biggest and best all-college social events occuring during the spring semester."

Extensive preparation is being made to insure the expected success of the dance. Alfred Schneider and Carl Hoefer are planning a program of intermission entertainment. It is expected that the entertainment will be provided by representatives of several fraternity houses. The Squires social committee, George Ridge, chairman, Richard Puglisi, and Bob Markel, has charge of the general details of preparation. The publicity for the dance is in the hands of Robert De Maine who has drawn and distributed posters advertising the affair.

Tickets will sell at seventy-five cents and may be purchased from any Squires member. The College Community has been cordially invited to attend.

Blyth To Speak Next Wednesday

"Creative Mind Versus Matter" will be the subject of John W. Blyth's lecture, the fourth of the 1948-49 Squires Club Lecture Series, to be presented next Wednesday evening at 8:00 p. m. in the Chemistry Auditorium. According to Professor Blyth, the general question of his lecture will be "whether we have to wait for fate to overtake us or hope for a miracle." Concerning the development of his topic, Professor Blyth stated that "the story of achievement of rational mentality suggests another alternative. A better understanding of the mind and its potentialities indicates that we may be able to learn to behave like rational animals." Toynbee's book, *A Study of History*, will also be considered in the lecture.

Prof. Blyth is a recognized authority in the field of philosophy, College. He received his master's degree at the University of Iowa, was graduated from Haverford and received his doctor's degree at Brown University.

A question period will follow Professor Blyth's talk. Squires Lecture Series chairman Robert Lipgar reminds all students and members of the faculty that admission to the lectures is free and that all members of the College Community are invited to attend.

Professor Berrian R. Shute announced the spring schedule for the College Choir last week. In conjunction with the Utica Civic Chorus and Orchestra, the Choir will present Johann Sebastian Bach's Passion According to Saint Matthew in two performances. The first of these, to be given on April 11 in the Soper Hall of Commons, will be a dress rehearsal to which the College Community is invited free of charge. The regular performance, to which admission will be charged, will be given the following evening.

Two off-campus concerts will be given later this spring. The first of these will be held in Syracuse on April 22, and the other in Binghamton on May 6.

Music Club Has Its First Meeting

At the home of Professor Berrian R. Shute last Sunday evening the Music Club held its first meeting. There were about forty present at the gathering which was concerned mainly with the organization of the club.

Dick Bennett and Fred Miller presented a cello sonata, and Barrett Hickman sang. Donald Birkby outlined the club's purpose—of getting students together for the appreciation of their own music and that of others. Meetings are to be informal, stressing student participation. The programs will consist of everything from solo work to chamber music and recordings of special interest.

The Music Club has no officers, except for a Program Committee, which will carry out all plans and functions. Those named to the committee at this first meeting were: Professor Shute, Donald Birkby, John Davis, Fred Miller, and Charles Weinberg. Any suggestions or ideas for the club are to be presented to a member of this committee.

The club was organized because it was felt by many members of the College Community that the need for such an activity has existed for some time. Faculty, students, and friends of the College have been encouraged to attend the bi-weekly meetings in Mr. Shute's home. For the present, meetings will be held on Sunday evenings following the Chapel service — the next one to take place March 13.

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Poor Scheduling

So much has been said about the poor attendance at College events that such a situation deserves some investigation and remedy. Brought to our attention again this week is one of the main causes for empty seats at many of our Community activities—*poor scheduling.*

How can any athletic event be witnessed by a good crowd when a film for which tickets have been sold in advance is being shown on the same day at exactly the same hour? Certainly we are not saying that either of these particular events deserves scheduling priority over the other, but what we are trying to point out that the conflict shows *poor scheduling.*

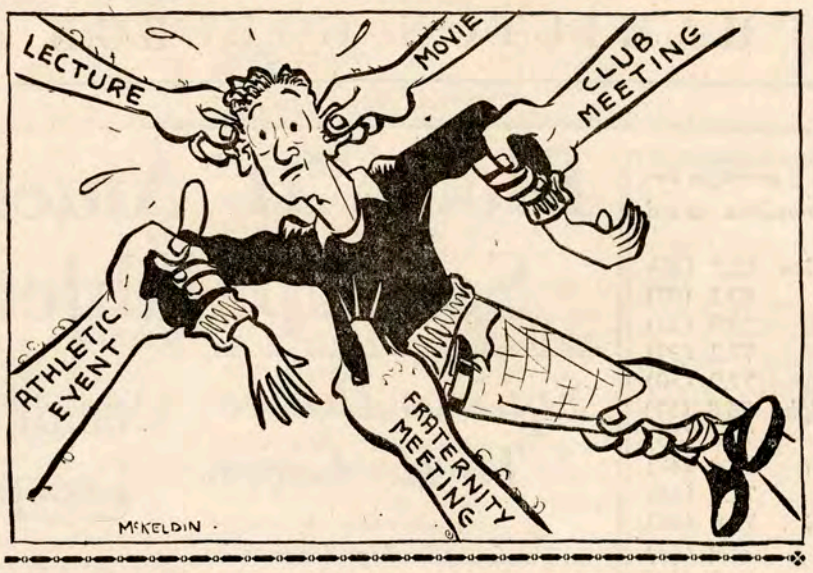
We are certain that such a situation can be remedied through a committee representing administration, faculty, and students. Organization of the group should be the responsibility of the Student Council, the Dean's Office, and the Secretary of the College. All College events and activity meetings would be listed on a master calendar — any event or meeting not checked through such a scheduling committee would not be recognized for announcement in either the College Calendar or the Wednesday Assembly.

Freshman Athletes

The *Spectator* believes that the recent adoption by the Block "H" club of a constitutional amendment establishing an honor court for athletic training is indicative. While others sat in their rooms and moaned about the athletic situation, a committee headed by the president of that organization formulated a plan for positive action. A system of reporting and trying training violators was devised by the committee and accepted by the club as a whole. The organization has taken an important step in improving the athletic records of Hamilton teams.

The plan is down in black and white. Training this Spring will be the first actual test of the new system. To date very little pressure for observance of training rules has been exerted by students. While part of a successful scholastic honor system, the idea of turning in a fellow team member may be, to some, repugnant. The *Spectator* hopes that, should it be necessary, Block "H" members will report infractions with the same high spirit with which they adopted the honor court system.

All This and Homework Too!



Letters to the Editor

Friday, Feb. 18, 1949

Dear Alumnus:

I do not believe the present situation at Hamilton is "appalling, lamentable, and especially obvious." I especially do not believe the situation shows a "disintegrative tendency."

I think you showed ignorance of the full facts of Community Life — at the very least you showed poor selection and sampling of facts and opinions. You showed such poor taste in your letter that I was embarrassed as a Hamilton student to have such insults published in our paper. Your remark concerning Miss Mercer as an "unthinkable agent of quasi-culture" was incredible. I found Miss Mercer's visit to Hamilton very entertaining — I don't think she, or I, give a hang about the "cultural" aspects of her performance.

I suggest you speak or write directly to the *Continental* if you have not already voiced your disapproval before its editor, and as far as I know, the editor of the *Continental* has received no letters of constructive criticism — your attitude seems to be without expressed support. I am sure that the *Continental* is *not* a closed-corporation, but that it represents those various students who are serious and grammatical and imaginative about their studies in literature and composition. My own experience has found that the *Continental* is respected as one part of the Hamilton Community.

Contrary to the tone of your unhappy letter, the Winter Carnival was very well attended, and again, as far as I am aware, equally well enjoyed. Also the reception and interest in the Squires Club Lecture Series has been a encouraging part of the Club's and Community's year.

The failure of the Film Society which you point to as an example of "culture" selfish students have let slide ("into oblivion") seems to me to be easily explained by the fact that the selection of films for this season was made without any regard for Community preference or taste. Any project which is so organized and executed, however worthy its intended purpose, can hardly achieve more success. The fact that The Foreign Films Program has been supported seems to suggest that apathy was not what washed out the Film Society, but that poor judgement or salesmanship was more at fault.

I think Hamilton students and the Hamilton Community at large is as eager for Knowledge and Culture and diversions as ever — but I think there has been a scarcity of activities which really "fill the bill" and hit the needs of the Community.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Lipgar.

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March 1, 1949

Dear Editor:

A laconic reply to the adverse criticism of Hamilton:

I have
A warm room
Good food
A clean sheet once a week
An extra pair of socks
Warm water
A car that will still make the Hill
A girl (occasionally)
In fact, I've NEVER had it so good!!

David N. Whitcombe, '51

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While not wishing to exclude the student body from its share of the blame in the "Hamilton situation" which has been hashed and rehashed many times this year both in the *Spectator* and in student bull sessions, I believe the situation is a combination of errors which not only can be but must be solved in a practical way if Hamilton is to regain the respect and honor she once had. Some six hundred young men cannot make something out of nothing. Considering the cultural aspect of the matter, who could expect anyone to pay good money to support a series of old, worn-out movies, many of which he has seen before, or a concert series of second rate performers who present programs of little interest to average Hamilton students? The haphazard programs, irregular meetings, and lack of definite and interesting activities of many of our clubs and organizations do not encourage membership.

Considering the athletic side of the matter, why should the student body support teams that continually lose games? Hill teams can find opponents of equal athletic ability in every sport now played here without traveling to such far away places as Indiana, Cortland, Brockport, and Genesee State Teachers Colleges or Genesee, Sampson, Hartwick, and other such nearby colleges could supply the opposition, not in just one sport, but in several. The athletic strength, not the educational outlook, of an institution should be the factor in scheduling it. It is a good chance for victory that builds winning teams and school spirit. Also, minor sports, such as fencing and squash, could be supported on an intercollegiate scale whenever student interest desires it. The importance of student interest should not be overlooked when schedules are drawn up.

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Entertainment in Utica

by John E. Campion

These weeks between Winter Carnival and spring vacation have been considered in the past a period during which undergraduates go into what is known as "spring slump." These weeks are usually very trying because they offer very little to do and six weeks to do it in, and this year is no different from past years. Except for a beer party now and then there isn't much to do on the Hill and except for the usual offerings of Utica's "cin" palaces there is very little reason to travel the wind-swept nine miles to the metropolis. (There are some provincial-minded people from such places as Garden City and Ridgewood who feel that this situations holds good for Utica all of the time.)

The movies in Utica offer great variety. For those who find that there is nothing better than a good western, he Olympic is the place, for them to invest their entertainment allowance. *Yellow Sky*, with Gregory Peck, Anne Baxter, and Richard Widmark, is the feature. It's a story of gold, gunmen, and a girl. Reviews indicate that the picture may be as lustful as Mr. Peck's last western which had something to do with a half-breed. The co-feature is a picture called *The Strange Mrs Crane*. The Stanley offers a new Warner Brothers comedy — the screen version of the Broadway hit, *John Loves Mary,* featuring Ronald Regan, Jack Carson, and a new (and attractive) comer named Patricia Neal. The second feature is a Joe Palooka epic with unusual title of *The Big Fight*. In case you were wondering, *Stop the Music* has moved on, leaving Utica 180 pairs of nylons and 24 sun lamps richer, and a great deal wiser. The Avon, also with a double feature, offers sword play and Doug Fairbanks in *The Fighting O'Flynn* and radio's finest unemployed comedian, Henry Morgan, in *So This is New York*. Tonight will be your last opportunity to see the very fine Italian film, *Paisan,* about which we said a great deal last week.

Tomorrow night in the Chemistry auditorium the French film, *The Baker's Wife,* will be shown to those holding evening tickets. Raimu is the star and by his performance makes a very fine film superb.

Two men-about-town assure me that the quarter (all young ladies) at Jerry March's Cafe, are well worth seeing. They said nothing about their singing ability. Gene Rodgers continues at Tommy Joy's. He is always worth hearing.

Post Mortem

By Robert F. Brown

Despite the abundance of evidence to the contrary, at least Harvey Shriber is optomistic concerning the state of our campus. In the welter of angry words which has been exchanged during the past weeks, Harvey has preserved his sense of balance and, in a recent interview, spoke most fervently of a possible return to Hamilton's Golden Age. "I believe that our school has finally achieved homogenity," he said, and smiled slowly. "Inspiration, not irritation, is the keynote to the solution of our difficulties." As is usually the case, it was virtually impossible to resist the sheer magnetism of this man, despite the unctuousness which occasionally marred the purity of the manner in which he delivered his sentences.

Aphoristic to the end, Harvey extended the scope of the interview to include music which he considers the finest of the arts. With singular aptness he prefaced his remarks with a quotation, the immediate appropriateness of which transfixed me with amazement. "After all," he said, obviously relishing the choiceness of the quip, "Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast, you know!" And added, "What beasts we all really are!"

Concerning his performance in the ELS show, he stated, "It was an inauspicious beginning, but a springboard to better things I should imagine." He aspires to appear in one of Tennessee Williams' plays, especially *A Streetcar Named Desire"* which he admires tremendously. "In the trade we call it *A Bus Named Lust,"* he remarked and immediately went off into a hyena-scream of laughter that shivered a few beer bottles and brought an admiring round of applause from a small group of gathering spectators. A truly virtuoso performance; it rated four golden bells. *Fama malum qua non velocious est.*

Meet the Faculty

ALLEN W. PHILLIPS

Allen W. Phillips, instructor in Spanish in the Department of Romance Languages, brings to his classes more than just an academic knowledge of his language. For two years he studied at the Universidad Nacional de Mexica, and in August, 1948, after pocketing an advanced degree in Spanish, he came North to accept a teaching position at Hamilton.

Mr. Phillips, a native of Providence, Rhode Island, spent his undergraduate days at Dartmouth College. After his graduation from there in 1942, he served for two years as a Group Sergeant-Major in the Troop Carrier Command in Europe — eighteen months in England and six in France.

While in England in 1945, Mr. Phillips was married. He and his wife and their twenty-three month old daughter, Catita, have taken up residence at Hamilton in the Fancher House on Observatory Road. Teaching their daughter both English and Spanish, Mr. and

Mrs. Phillips expect that by the time she is of school age she will be able to converse in and understand two languages.

Mr. Phillips does not spend his spare time concentrating on any particular activity, as his comment, "I enjoy doing so many things" would seem to indicate.

Block "H" . . . Cont'd

mended that all members use consideration and discrimination in their conduct while wearing the Block "H" sweater.

President Burns announced that the election of officers for 1949-50 will be held at the meeting of March 24.

Chess Club

Last Friday night in the Psi U Library, the Hamilton College Chess team held a match with Utica College. Of the seven official games which were played, Hamilton won six.

Another meet between the two teams is being planned for a later date this spring.

Foreign Films — March 10
"THE ADVENTURES OF CHICO"
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Chapel Speaker Sunday, March 6
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Eric Selch Brings His Bagpipes To College

In most people's minds, the shrill whine of a bagpipe is something reserved for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York or technicolor movies dealing with the British in India. It may not be too long, however, before Hamilton sports a bagpipe corps of its own, especially if Frederick R. Selch, a freshman from Buffalo, interests any new talent in one of his many musical accomplishments — that of bagpipe playing.

The whole business began when Eric was about twelve years old. At that time he wrote a short history of Scotland, and the reading required for the work aroused his interest in bagpipes. It was several years later, however, before this interest manifested itself. While in Niagara Falls one evening, Eric happened to catch the sound of bagpipe music, and traced it to its source. He discovered that a local fraternal organization, the Moose, sponsored a Scottish bagpipe band, and he immediately joined the group. That was in 1946, and in the three years that have elapsed since then he has been able to persuade several others to take up the pipes. Included in this number are a younger sister, and a brother of his own clan, as well as several of his friends.

According to Eric, the bagpipe is rather a difficult instrument to master. It really consists of four instruments. There are three pipes which make a droning sound as a sort of background for the fourth pipe which gives the melody or "chanter" part. Also of interest is the "skirl", which is a trill, important in breaking up notes into a series of sounds.

Bagpipes themselves have quite a history, tracing back to Persia and ancient Greece. It is not too unlikely that Eric will be able to interest still others in this venerable instrument. If this should happen, perhaps the TKE house, of which he is a member, will be supporting a bagpipe quartet.

Letters to the Editor

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Club officers, faculty advisors, and the athletic staff should try a little practical reorganization. Hamilton's student body isn't dead. It's just waiting for someone to kindle the fire—not stamp it out.

James S. Scott, Jr., '52

Invitations were mailed out yesterday by President and Mrs. Robert W. McEwen to all members of the Senior Class for the annual Senior Party to be held this year on Saturday, evening, March 19. The Senior party is an old College tradition.

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Fuller Leads Life of Riley; Wife Becomes His Secretary

For the next few weeks "Red" Fuller, a junior from Norwich, New York, who lives in North Village, is experiencing a life of leisure. In fact, he doesn't even have to feed himself. To most of us this sounds like an ideal existence. With both arms encased in clumsy, ponderous casts, one weighing three pounds and the other two, he is finding life rather difficult.

It all began on the Wednesday before houseparty when the Sigs and DU's were playing an intramural basketball game. In the late stages of the first half "Red" went up for a shot and suddenly fell. In the tumble which resulted he tried to break his fall by extending both arms. In spite of some pain which he attributed to muscle strain he continued to play the rest of the game. Though the soreness continued, it wasn't until Saturday that the full seriousness of his fall was realized and his arms were placed in casts.

This condition, according to Fuller, presents quite a dilemma. In fact, in his words "Everything's a problem. . . can't eat or sleep!!" Sleeping seems to be possible only in what he calls a mummy pose with his arms crossed on his chest. Classes also are difficult, but as was shown by a recent photograph in the Syracuse *Post Standard,* this has been ably surmounted. Peg, his wife, attends classes with him and takes his notes. This accident may prove to be a serious blow to this year's baseball team in the Spring. "Red" has long been an important man behind the catcher's mask, and this might be the end of his varsity career.

Concerning his new secretary, "Red" had this to say: "My wife has been very good and kind to me. I couldn't do anything without her." He also expressed his thanks to others in the College Community. "Everyone has been very helpful and considerate."

Child Study Films To Be Presented By Psychologists

One week from tonight at 8:00 p. m. in the Chemistry Auditorium, the Department of Psychology will present a movie program. Although the program is designed primarily for those students taking the course on the psychology of personality, the College Community is invited to attend.

The program will consist of the showing of two films and possibly a third if the order is confirmed soon enough by the distributor. The first film, entitled *Meeting Emotional Needs in Childhood: The Groundwork of Democracy,* is a thirty-three minute sound film produced by the Vassar Department of Child Study in 1947. It shows the importance of satisfying emotional needs as well as physical needs of young children and demonstrates the importance of early emotional life to one's personality in later life. The second film, a thirty-three minute sound film produced in England in 1946 by the Ministry of Health, is entitled *Your Children and You.* This film, through dramatization, presents some commonly experienced parental problems as well as some basicr psychiatric principles for rearing children from birth to school age.

During the year, minor infractions of the Honor Court Constitution have occurred. One of the most serious violations brought to the attention of the Honor Court is the practice of students taking examination papers from the examination room and then completing them in the dormitory.

The Honor Court wishes to impress upon students again the necessity of reading the Honor Court Constitution. Among the many important parts of the Constitution, students are requsted to take particular note of Section 7 which sayss "Every student in the College shall lend his aid in maintaining these rules and shall report to the Committee any violation of the Honor System observed by him."

The Honor Court would like to congratulate the Student Body on last semester's record. Although minor infractions of the Honor System occurred, there was not one case of fraud evident.

Ward Paces Skiers In Win Over Utica

The varsity ski team chalked up another victory last Saturday when they handed a decisive defeat to a weak Utica College team at the second annual Old Forge Intercollegiate Meet. Hamilton earned 192.4 points to the Uticans' 140.4 in the two event meet. The Blue registered a nearly clean sweep in the downhill race with Captain Vandy Ward taking first place and Mal Stevens, Lan Potter, and Bob Smith placing third, fourth, and fifth. Messina of Utica took second. In the afternoon slalom event Ward took another first and Potter second.

This weekend the Hill skiers will travel north for a three way meet at Saranac Lake with Paul Smith's College and the St. Lawrence J. V. squad.

Dean's Commuting Secretary Finds New Position Unique

Commuting is a phenomenon usually associated with the annoyances of large cities. But Hamilton, too, is beset with a commuter's problem. Margaret Waitt, the Dean's new secretary, left the tension and monotony of a New York publishing office to become a first-rate commuter. Her working day begins at 6:30 a. m., when she prepares to leave her home in Frankfort for the long trek to the Hill.

When Margaret arrives at 8:30 to open up the Dean's Office, she faces a day that is hectic and full of the unusual, but hardly monotonous. Sifting the right people into the right classes at the beginning of a semester, according to Miss Waitt, is the busiest job of the year. Her life is further complicated by the intricacies of the filing system used to record student cuts. Her comment on this problem was: "I wish that the fellows wouldn't cut unless they could do it alphabetically; that way it would be easier on all of us."

But such tasks as filing, taking dictation from the "boss," and checking the daily business are routine. Margaret has enhanced the traditions left by Sadye Vyner Allen to the point where she can expect now to be called upon to run the gamut of roles from that of nursemaid to one of a Mrs. Anthony. A day would be incomplete if an adventurous child didn't wander in. Likely faculty and North Village homes must then be phoned in an effort to locate the frantic parents. Batting average to date is 1.000. Students force her into the role of Mrs. Anthony with requests for free cuts to attend conventions, pleas to overlook that absence at 11:30 ("I must have overslept"), and other problems that must be handled with tact, wit, and a straight face.

Margaret Waitt has adapted herself well to a difficult job. To be come legendary she needs only a good nickname — such as "Short," "Never," "Better," or some other prefix to Waitt.

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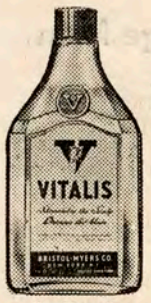

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SPORTS HAMILTON SPECTATOR COLLEGE SPORTS

Rochester, Buffalo Teachers Face Hamilton Swimmers

Strong RPI Squad Downs Blue, 58-16

Coach Pete Dugan's swimming team will end dual meet competition this weekend with a two-day road trip to Buffalo State College for Teachers and the University of Rochester. The Continental mermen will tangle with the teachers this afternoon and will meet the Rochester squad, which beat them earlier in the season, tomorrow.

Last Friday the Blue dropped a 58-16 decision to an unusually strong R. P. I. squad. The Engineers were not in trouble at anytime during the meet, while the Continentals were seriously hampered by the loss of Bruce Campbell, Hank Pope, and Joe von-Hake, who were on the sick list, and divers Mayes and MacInnes. All of these men returned to the squad this week and will see action today and tomorrow.

Outstanding for the Trojans were Guthe, the Poly diver, who set a new pool record of 96.26 in one of the best diving exhibitions ever s en on the Hill, and breaststroker Gallaher who chalked up a new pool time of 2.40.5.

Both Pete Wood and Don Stone have shown a great deal of improvement in the 440-yard freestyle this week in practice, and Coach Dugan feels that this event has been strengthened considerably.

The Blue will go into the meets

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Nadal Pulls Hat Trick, But Blue Lose To Comets

Last Saturday night the Clinton Comets clipped Hamilton 9-5 at the Clinton Arena, as they racked up a 7-0 lead in the first 40 minutes, and added two more in the final frame to withstand a 5-goal, last minute surge by the Blueshirts. Dave Nadal's hat trick in the final period paced the upsurge by the Continentals. The burly defenseman had control of his steaming shots from out past the blue line, and scored twice within a period of 18 seconds, leading his team mates in season scoring at the end of that game with five goals.

The freshman line continued to impress the fans and the coaches with its teamwork and hustle; in fact, the entire blue squad was passing and skating better than it has been all year. The defensive pair of Nadal and Crew added to their laurels by doing a bang-up job in front of the cage. Pete Sidway, normally a spare defenseman, centered the third line in the absence of Strang, and showed himself to be a good scrapper.

Stu Brown, the Clinton netkeeper, made 56 saves, 30 of them

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Wednesday Box-Score

Hamilton	*Pos.*	*Paul Smith*
Sontheimer	G.	Smith
Nadal	R.D.	Howard
Crew	L.D.	Beers
Burns	R.W.	Millin
Knapp	C.	Ballard
Scala	L.W.	Banash

Spares — Hamilton: Vollmer, Sanborn, Mosier, Bugbee, Sidway, Worthington, Gander. Paul Smith: Clark, Cunningham, and Forth.

Scoring—1st Period: 1:53; Nadal(unassisted); 4:15; Knapp (Scala); 6:16; Burns (Knapp, Scala); 10:41; Sidway (Knapp); 16:56; Mosier (Sanborn); 17:12; Worthington (unassisted). 2nd period: 3:24 Sanborn (Vollmer); 4:54; Sidway (unassisted); 5:35; Sidway (unassisted); 8:17; Bugbee (Crew). 3rd Period— :12; Scala (unassisted); 2:48; Vollmer (Sanborn); 10:15 Scala (Knapp); 10:21; Burns (Knapp).

Hamilton (46)	B.	F.	T.
Wood, f	1	1	3
Huffmire, f	1	1	3
Emery, f	1	1	3
Gregory, f	2	2	6
Luers, f	0	1	1
Tank, c	8	0	16
Rushmore, g	4	3	11
Burton, g	0	0	0
Brown, g	1	1	
Egner, g	0	0	0
	18	10	46

Sport Views

by Jack Boynton

Winter is about ready to take leave of College Hill and it won't be missed by most of the sports enthusiasts in this neighborhood. Actually, things were not up to par. The hockey team had its worst record in recent years because of many unexpected incidents. Of course, the loss of five was a blow, but not so great as many have made it out to be. The team was young to begin with, and the material was not what it used to be. Just one of those slow years all around, but not serious enough to arouse the arm-chair quarterbacks from their post-football season hibernation.

The basketball squad sufferd its initial blow in the loss of many old standbs of previous campaigns. Only two regulars took the floor last December to try to pull together an inexperienced group of hopefuls. Their attempts, though not producing the finest squad in the East, were by no means a failure, and come next season, "field-general, playmaker, star, stellar guard, vital cog, Hill ace." Captain Bob Mackay and his capable cuonterpart, Bill Tank, will be able to show that all that was lacking was experience. Mac's loss in the Worcester game was a blow to the team that probably accounted for the next two contests and may well have meant the others also.

Throughout the entire season Coach Panatier watched his quintet drop a number of heart-breakers, but it can't all be laid to tough luck. There were mistakes made as there were bound to be, but the failure to get foul shots shouldn't come up game after game. True, when you've dropped a couple of close ones, there is a tendency to be a bit jittery when the going gets rough and no one can deny the fact that this was a season of tough games.

A couple of the promising young prima-donnas proved to be bit actors of the first water. Words are always cheaper than actions and high school ball is somewhat behind that of the college level. Someday there's going to be a hotshot in school who can really prove he's such when it comes to producing. However, when you hear all these stories or how good such-and-such is in some sport, it's discouraging to find out his reputation must have come from the cub scouts.

We've discussed the merits of the swimming team before in this column. The loss to Union was not unexpected, nor was it a disgrace; reports have it that the pool down there is like a tub full of luke-warm honey. That could be too much of a contrast to overcome and it appears it is. Don't get the idea that Union isn't one of our strongest opponents on the aquatic schedule, 'cause it is, but then Hamilton seems to have proved it can turn out some mighty fine natators also.

All this is slowly fading into the record books and with the new tell-on-your-buddy type of training program, hopes for the spring are not at all bad. Time will tell, but it looks like lacrosse will come into its own and baseball will go down hill one more notch. (Its days are running out. Five sports is too much for a college this size.)

Netsters End Season Tomorrow

Blue Bows Before Allegheny, Union

The Hamilton College basketball squad rings down the curtain on its 1948-49 campaign tomorrow night in the Alumni Gym when they entertain the Albany State Teachers' Colleg array at 8:00 p. m. The slow-starting Blue cagers saw their losing streak extended to six straight last weekend as the Allegheny Gators and the Union College Dutchmen took the measure of the Panatiermen in rather easy fashion. Allegheny, although pressed a little in the third period, won by a 48-41 score, while the traditional foes from Schenectady routed the Blue by a 54-37 margin.

The Albany State cagers, showing a powerful offensive that accounted for 42 points in the second half, triumphed over Utica College last Saturday night by 10 points, 77-67. The Capitol City quintet overcame a 4-point, halftime deficit to win going away as center Jack Marks clicked for 30 points, 18 of which were in the second half barrage. Marks, and Cy Fersh, have been this season's mainstays for the Albany squad, which bowed to Hamilton last year, when the Continentals established a scoring record for the Alumni Gym court.

The absence of Captain Bob Mackay and poor shooting from the field and from the foul line cost the Hillmen a victory last Friday night against Allegheny. A little more drive off the boards in the first half of the contest might have spelled the difference between victory and defeat for the Continenta's. Bill Tank put the Blue out in front at the start with his famous jump shot, but the Gators pulled steadily away by breaking fast, intercepting passes, and controlling the boards. The consistent play of the Allegheny five offset the scoring spurts of the Blue in the first half, and Allegheny was leading 25-13 at the intermission. When the third period opened, Hamilton looked like a brand new team with plenty of hustle as they narrowed the gap to 26-28. The possession tactics of the victors, however, broke the Hamilton rally, and the Wernermen came home on the long en of a 48-41 score.

Bill Tank, beginning to hit in the second half, captured scoring laurels for the game with 16 points. Rog Wood, although having difficulty on the 15-foot stripe, clicked with several fine shots from the corners to tie Potter of the victors for runner-up honors, each getting a dozen markers. Clint Emery controlled the Allegheny board at the start of the second half rally.

In Schenectady last Saturday, a slow start again by the Blue in the face of the red-hot pace of the Dutchmen in the first quarter, proved too much to overcome as the Union five gained revenge for an earlier loss to the Blue by a 54-37 score. Union, a fast-starting team in earlier games, rolled to a 16-0 lead early in the open-

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Psi U, Sigs, and LCA Head Intramural Race

Lambda Chi, Sigma Phi, and Psi U continued to show their heels to the rest of the field in intramural basketball during the week of February 21 as they all won handily to hold on to their underated records. LCA beat DU 40 to 32; Sigs downed Squires, 34 to 24; and Psi U trounced Theta Delt, 38 to 22. Last Monday night Psi U won again, this time rolling over Alpha Chi, 33 to 16. In other gam es of a week ago the cellar dwelling TKE five lost to ELS, DU beat Chi Psi, and DKE downed ELS. Monday's second game found Alpha Delt returning to the win column by toppling Squires 34 to 20.

Standings, complete through Wednesday morning, show Psi U and Sig tied for the league lead, each with five wins and no losses. One half game back is Lambda Chi with a 4 and 0 record. All of the other teams have lost two or more games, and unless the unexpected happens they can be counted out of the loop race, even though the season is less than half over.

The Standings (complete through Wednesday morning, March 2):

Team	*W*	*L*	*Pc*
Psi U	5	0	1.000
Sigma Phi	5	0	1.000
Lambda Chi	4	0	1.000
DU	3	2	.600
Alpha Delt	2	2	.500
DKE	2	2	.500
Alpha Chi	1	2	.333
Chi Psi	1	3	.250
Theta Delt	1	3	.250
ELS	1	3	.250
Squires	1	4	.200
TKE	0	4	.000

Swimming . Cont'd

this weekend with a 4 won, 4 lost record. The lineups will probably be von Hake, Gingras, and Campbell or Gregory in the medley relay; Wood and Stone in the 220-yard swim; Campbell and Tomlinson in the 50-yard dash; MacInnes and Mayes in the diving events; Campbell and Tomlinson in the 100-yard swim; von Hake and Howell in the backstroke; Gingras and Dickinson in the breaststroke; Wood and Stone in the 440-yard swim; and Tomlinson, Stone, Gregory, and Campbell in the 440-yard final relay.

The team will close their season Mar. 12 with the Adirondack AAU meet scheduled at the R. P. I. pool.

Hockey . . . (cont'd)

in the final period. Jim Sontheimer started the game in the Hamilton nets and allowed 7 goals, and Rod Gander came in at the 15-minute mark of the middle frame to finish up. The two made a total of 57 saves.

With the score at 7-0 in the third period, Jim Burns converted a solo by Carl Knapp and a pass from Jim Scala at the 6:25 mark for the first Blue goal of the game. After a Comet tally, Hol Bugbee scored unassisted at 13:-55, and was followed by Dave Nadal, who sent the puck through Brown at 14:14. Nadal closed the scoring, after Clinton had made its ninth marker, by sinking two shots from far out at 17:04 and 17:22.

Basketball . . . Cont'd

ing period and ended up the stanza by leading, 25-5. Union's pressing defense proved to be as much trouble for the Hillmen as had the 3-2 zone of Allegheny the night before. Both teams exchanged point for point in the second period, when the Hamilton defense tightened a bit due to the return to the zone, there was no doubt as to the outcome, although Hamilton outscored the winners in that period. Jim Pemrick and Dick Speidel proved too much for the losers, as the two sharp-shooting Dutchmen clicked for 18 and 13 points respectively to lead the smooth-working Garnet. Bill Tank and Rog Wood copped the laurels for the losers for the second successive night as they garnered 13 and 12 points respectively.

In the preliminary game to the Union contest, the Hamilton JayVees took the measure of the Union frosh quintet by a 53-44 margin for the second time this season. It was the JayVees fifth consecutive triumph and was featured by the outstanding play of Gene Setphens and Ted Mullett, both of whom controlled the boards against the taller Garnet cagers and to send in 20 points between them.

Blue Icemen Wind Up 1949 Season With Decisive Drubbing of P. Smith's

The Blue pucksters managed to end their *season* on a victorious note last Wednesday night in the Sage arena, as they ran roughshod over an inept Paul Smith's sextet, 14-0. The win was the skaters' only intercollegiate triumph in eight starts.

After Dave Nadel opened the scoring with a screaming drive from beyond the blue line at 1:53 of the first period, there was never any doubt as to who would win, but only by how much. The Hillmen drummed six goals home in the opening canto, and followed this with four each in the second and third sessions. Scoring honors for the evening went to Pete Sidway, third line center, who completed the hat trick with two tallies in the second period and one in the first.

Following the hockey finale with Paul Smith's College last Wednesday night, co-captains were elected for the 1950 season. They are Carl Knapp, center of Greenwich, Conn., and Dave Nadal defenseman, of Kent, Conn.

Hobart's Basketmen Get Their Revenge in 53-46 Tilt Wednesday

Hobart's basketball team gained revenge for a previous defeat by Hamilton last Wednesday in the Geneva Armory, whipping the Hillmen, 53-46. The Statesmen played without the services of their leading scorer, Bob St. John, as they administered the seventh consecutive setback to the Blue.

The Orange held a 20-19 first quarter lead, scoring heavily from the foul line, but Hamilton came back in a slow second period to take the lead at the intermission, 28-25. However, the Statesmen riddled the Hill zone defense in the third stanza with a 20-point blast to ruin any hopes the Blue may have had of coming home the winner. Randy Schofield, six-foot, three-inch pivot man bagged ten of his 19 markers during th ra ly, turning in a sparkling performance that the Continentals were helpless to curb. As usual, Bill Tank led the men of Panater in the point making department, tallying 16 counters.

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